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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 20, 2001

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUC960111

Ex Parte: In the matter of investigating whether Verizon Virginia Inc. f/k/a Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. meets the requirements of § 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

ORDER CLOSING INVESTIGATION

On August 12, 1996, the State Corporation Commission

("Commission") issued an Order Requiring Report ("Order of

August 12, 1996") which initiated the above-captioned

investigation to consider the expected application under § 271

of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act") of Bell Atlantic
Virginia, Inc. n/k/a Verizon Virginia Inc. (hereinafter "Verizon

Virginia") with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC").

Pursuant to the Order of August 12, 1996, Verizon Virginia was

required to file a report with the Commission ("§ 271 report")

at least sixty (60) days prior to Verizon Virginia's § 271

application with the FCC. This report was to include all

Verizon Virginia's supporting evidence and documentation

detailing its compliance with § 271 of the Act.

On February 17, 2000, the Commission issued an Order in this Case and in Case No. PUC000035, which provided that third-party testing of Verizon Virginia's Operation Support Systems ("OSS") be conducted by KPMG Peat Marwick n/k/a KPMG Consulting, LLC (hereinafter "KPMG") and to be undertaken in Case No. PUC000035. The Commission appointed a Project Leader to supervise the third-party OSS testing and to make a final report to the Commission. While the Project Leader has adopted a Master Test Plan and Metrics (performance standards), the actual third-party testing of Verizon Virginia's OSS is still in its initial phases.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the length of time since the commencement of this investigation and record of the proceedings in this Case, is of the opinion that for administrative purposes this present docketed investigation should be closed. When KPMG has completed its third-party OSS testing and the results have been reported to the Commission by the Project Leader and Verizon Virginia has filed its complete § 271 report, at least sixty (60) days prior to its application with the FCC, then the Commission will investigate that report in a new proceeding.

Accordingly, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) Verizon Virginia is required to file its § 271 report with the Commission, including all supporting evidence and

documentation detailing its compliance with § 271 of the Act, at least sixty (60) days prior to filing its § 271 application with the FCC, as previously ordered in this Case.

(2) This Case is now closed and placed in the files for ended causes.